Category of UCBs	Investment in Govt and other approved securities as a percentage of Net Demand and Time Liabilities (NDTL)			
	Prior to March 31, 2002	To achieve on or before March 31, 2002	to achieve by September 30, 2002	After April 1, 2003
Non-scheduled UCBs				
(i) With NDTL of Rs 25 crores & above	10%	12 5%	15%	15%
(ii) With NDTL of less than Rs 25 crore	Nil	7 5%	10%	10%

As indicated above, the UCBs were given adequate time to switch over from the deposits with DCCBs/SCBs to Government securities As on December 26, 2003, 1139 banks have complied with RBI's instructions relating to investment in Government Securities In view of the systemic risk involved, a modification or the above guidelines has not been found feasible at this stage

India Sovereign Bonds

2126 SHRI DATTA MEGHE Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state

(a) Whether Government propose to explore fresh investment avenues for growth in India,

(b) If so, whether Government propose to raise $ 5 million from overseas markets in the form of India Sovereign Bonds,

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the salient features of the proposed Indian Sovereign Bonds; and

(e) the manner in which the proposed funds are likely to be used?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S S PALANIMANICKAM) (a) Yes, Sir

(b) No Sir

(c) to (e) Do not arise

Assistance to Karnataka by NABARD

2127 SHRI B K HARIPRASAD Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state

(a) the details of the financial assistance provided by NABARD to Karnataka during the last three years, year-wise and district-wise,

(b) the areas where investment has been made and the extent thereof,